



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Sachi A. Hamai, Executive Officer-
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Los Angeles, California 90012

At its meeting held July 31, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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The following item was called up for consideration:

The Chief Executive Officer's recommendation to delegate authority to the Director of Children and Family Services to engage in a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Department of Social Services in order to receive \$1,250,000 annually over three years for the Older Youth Adoption Project, to increase permanency for older youth ages nine years and older.

Patricia S. Ploehn, Director of Children and Family Services, responded to questions posed by the Board.

After discussion, Supervisor Knabe made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Burke, that the Director of Children and Family Services be requested to report back to the Board on the faith-based groups and the outreach programs to various groups.

Further, Supervisor Antonovich made the following statement:

"I know that the Department of Children and Family Services is already successfully involved in partnering with faith-based programs around adoption recruitment efforts like the "Kids Save Weekend Miracles" Program and by increasing the number of churches that are used as heart gallery sites.

"Also, some churches have already participated in child-specific recruitment efforts where children attend church activities where they can become connected with loving families that later provide adoptive homes. But there are barriers to increasing these efforts, such as legal barriers against authorizing church volunteers to drive children to these events."

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Therefore, Supervisor Antonovich made a motion to instruct the Chief Executive Officer, with County Counsel and the Director of Children and Family Services, to report back to the Board within 60 days on resolving any barriers, legal or otherwise, to the full utilization of volunteers in the faith-based community including, but not limited to, using volunteers to transport children in their own vehicles to church and other events, and increasing the volunteer opportunities for faith-based programs and churches to support our children and help with adoption home recruitment efforts.

After further discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted the Chief Executive Officer's attached recommendation;
2. Directed the Director of Children and Family Services to report back to the Board on the faith-based groups and the outreach programs to various groups; and
3. Instructed the Chief Executive Officer, with County Counsel and the Director of Children and Family Services, to report back within 60 days on resolving any barriers, legal or otherwise, to the full utilization of volunteers in the faith-based community including, but not limited to, using volunteers to transport children in their own vehicles to church and other events, and increasing the volunteer opportunities for faith-based programs and churches to support our children and help with adoption home recruitment efforts.

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Attachment

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Director of Children and Family Services